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Kanalku Lake (112-67-060)

This lake is located in the Chatham Forest Service District east of Angoon on Admiralty Island (map reference Sitka, B-2). It is one of three lakes on Admiralty Island that is accessible to anadromous fish.

Silver salmon, red salmon, cutthroat trout, kokanee, and Dolly Varden are present in the lake. The populations of silver salmon, cutthroat trout, and kokanee appear to be in excellent condition, and the red salmon run is quite distinctive. The red salmon in this run are smaller than normal red salmon, and it is thought that this is the result of smaller fish being able to successfully negotiate a partial block at the outlet of the lake. A few thousand pink salmon and some chum salmon use the outlet stream as a spawning area.

The partial barrier also creates an excellent feeding area for brown bears, and there are several vantage points providing excellent opportunities for bear observation and photography.

There are no Forest Service cabins in the area, but camping, hunting, and fishing opportunities are excellent.